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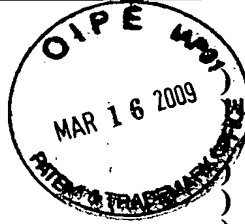
**In re U.S. Patent Application of
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 16, 2008, the period of response to which is set to expire on March 16, 2009, with the payment of the requisite fee for an extension of time of three months. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: